

Partnerships for Maternal , Newborn Child Health (PMNCH) Brief

ADVANCING COMMITMENTS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND ADOLESCENT'S HEALTH (WCAH) AND WELL-BEING

The Kenya Digital Advocacy Hubs (Hubs)

Kenya



117 members

Joined

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About

The Kenya Hub is a collaborative space for PMNCH members and partners in Kenya to connect, discuss, share knowledge, and amplify their work. In addition, this Hub will support efforts towards advocacy and accountability for Kenya’s commitments to women’s, children’s, and adolescents’ health. Have questions or need assistance? Contact Sarah Bald, PMNCH Kenya Focal Point, via Messages.

HENNET and Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH) have partnered, created and launched the Kenya Digital Advocacy Hubs (Hubs), a comprehensive platform for advocating women’s, children’s, and adolescent health (WCAH).

The Kenya Country Hub, specifically designed for Kenyan organizations and individuals, aims to advance WCAH in the country through collaboration, amplification of local events and initiatives, knowledge exchange, and networking. It emphasizes the power of partnership and provides resources for advocacy efforts, including access to up-to-date WCAH materials and learning opportunities such as webinars. The PMNCH Digital Advocacy Hubs offer key benefits and Value Proposition for CSOs and partners including:

Country-Specific Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Participation in the Collaborative Advocacy Action Plan (CAAP) activities to advance commitments for WCAH ⇒ Collaboration and amplification of Kenya-specific events, projects and initiatives for WCAH
Resources and Knowledge Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Use of the Kenya Commitment Dashboard, combining global, regional, and national commitments for WCAH made by the government of Kenya for awareness on the level of the progress and gaps/challenges to be addressed ⇒ Access to up-to-date WCAH resources, reports, and knowledge-translation materials ⇒ Exchange national information on projects, events and other initiatives with stakeholders from various constituencies and share resources (reviews, case studies, latest policies etc.) ⇒ Share information on accountability mechanisms to ensure advocacy is targeted to effectively influence decision making
Networking and Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Strengthened partnership and collaboration among members to continue advancing advocacy efforts ⇒ Professional development and skills training through access to webinars and deepened connections with partners

ASSESSMENT OF COMMITMENTS ON WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (WCAH)

The government of Kenya (GoK) & health partners have made great strides in addressing Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAHN), and this is in alignment to the SDGs & the Global Strategy for women, children and adolescents' health (WCAH), 2016-2030.

Karibu! Discussion Members Events [Commitment Dashboard](#) Resources CAAP Plan

Commitment Dashboard - Kenya

A national scoping review of existing women's, children's, and adolescents' health commitments relevant to national planning and programming has been undertaken. Commitments can be filtered by the following categories: Domain, Sub-Domain, Commitment, or Source of Commitments.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MNCH	15
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While progress has been made in accelerating RMNCAH, greater action is required to address the persistent challenges faced by women, children, and adolescents.

- Maternal and newborn mortality rates remain high, with worsening stillbirth rates.
- Teenage pregnancy remains high.
- Lower coverage of some basic maternal and child health services such as ANC4 at county-level.
- Increasing burden of non-communicable diseases, including for women and adolescents.
- Persistent socio-economic and geographic inequities.
- Gaps in infrastructure, human resources for health, and commodities and supplies.

Sub-Domain	#...
MNCH data and accountability	
AHWB is embedded in national policies and plans with dedicated financing	2
Access to safe and legal abortion services	2
National policy and programs for adolescent well-being (10-19 years) offering information and services in the public sector	2
Inter-sectoral approaches for MNCH across the life-course	2
National standards for the delivery of AHWB information and services to adolescents	1
Inclusion of essential packages of SRHR interventions within HHS and DHS	1

Scope

Is this commitment a global, regional, or national commitment?

Scope	Percentage
National	67.6%
Global	29.7%
Regional	2.7%

Source of commitments

What global, regional, or national platform hosts this commitment? What is the policy or declaration under which this commitment was made/ can be found?

Source	Percentage
The National...	31.3%
Kenya Reprod...	18.8%
ICPD+25 Nair...	18.8%
FP2030	9.4%
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GFF	2.7%
PMNCH Call T...	2.7%
Maputo Plan...	2.7%

RMNCAHN +N multi-stakeholder country platform (MCP)

The Kenya RMNCAHN Functionality Checklist - HENNET CSOs Review, July 2024

RMNCAHN +N multi-stakeholder country platform (MCP), was launched in 2021 with an overarching objective to provide Advisory, oversight, coordination, guidance, advocacy and accountability for the Kenya's ongoing and proposed efforts to improve RMNCAHN -N services and health outcomes.

Key Achievements of the Kenya RMNCAHN MCP 2021-2024

1. Commissioning and ensuring generation of an end-term evaluation report of the Kenya 2016 RMNCAHN Investment Framework.
2. Timely development of a taskforce within the MCP to fast track the development of a re-vestment framework.

A review of the Kenya RMCAHN Functionality

Checklist for Effective Functioning of Multi-stakeholder Country Platforms		
Indicator	Score	Comment
Multi-sectoral representation		Multi-sectoral approach encompassed in composition but active participation of some members is missing.
Clarity of roles and responsibility including a signed TOR		TOR is present but signing needs clarity.
Focal person within Ministry of health.		YES, Focal person present, Director General.
Who sets the agenda of the meeting? Do other members of the MCP contribute to the agenda setting		MCP Agenda is set by MoH.
Regularity of meetings		MCP meetings have been held on need basis. Initial calendar dates need to be selected and blocked at the beginning of the year to ensure regularity.
Are there working groups attached to the MCP?		YES, task teams are set on a need basis. 1. the taskforce/working group mandated to ensure generation of the end term Investment Framework review report 2. the taskforce/working group mandated to ensure generation of a reinvestment framework
Active and meaningful engagement and participation of the MCP members		The high-level importance of the meeting can be enhanced to increase member participation
Stakeholder consultations prior to key discussions		Consultations cannot be confirmed for all constituents.
Availability of important documents including, work plans, meeting minutes and presentations, other key documents.		A common member's online folder can be generated by MoH and shared with members to enhance access to key documents for MCPs' reference.
Engagement of County representatives		Chair County health Directors Chair reproductive health coordinators Chair of County Directors, health information Systems
Coordination role including Interlinkage of MCP and county RMNCAHN N TWGs and other		Clear frameworks need to be put in place to guide this interlinkage. A model of the global fund coordination can be customized to the MCP.

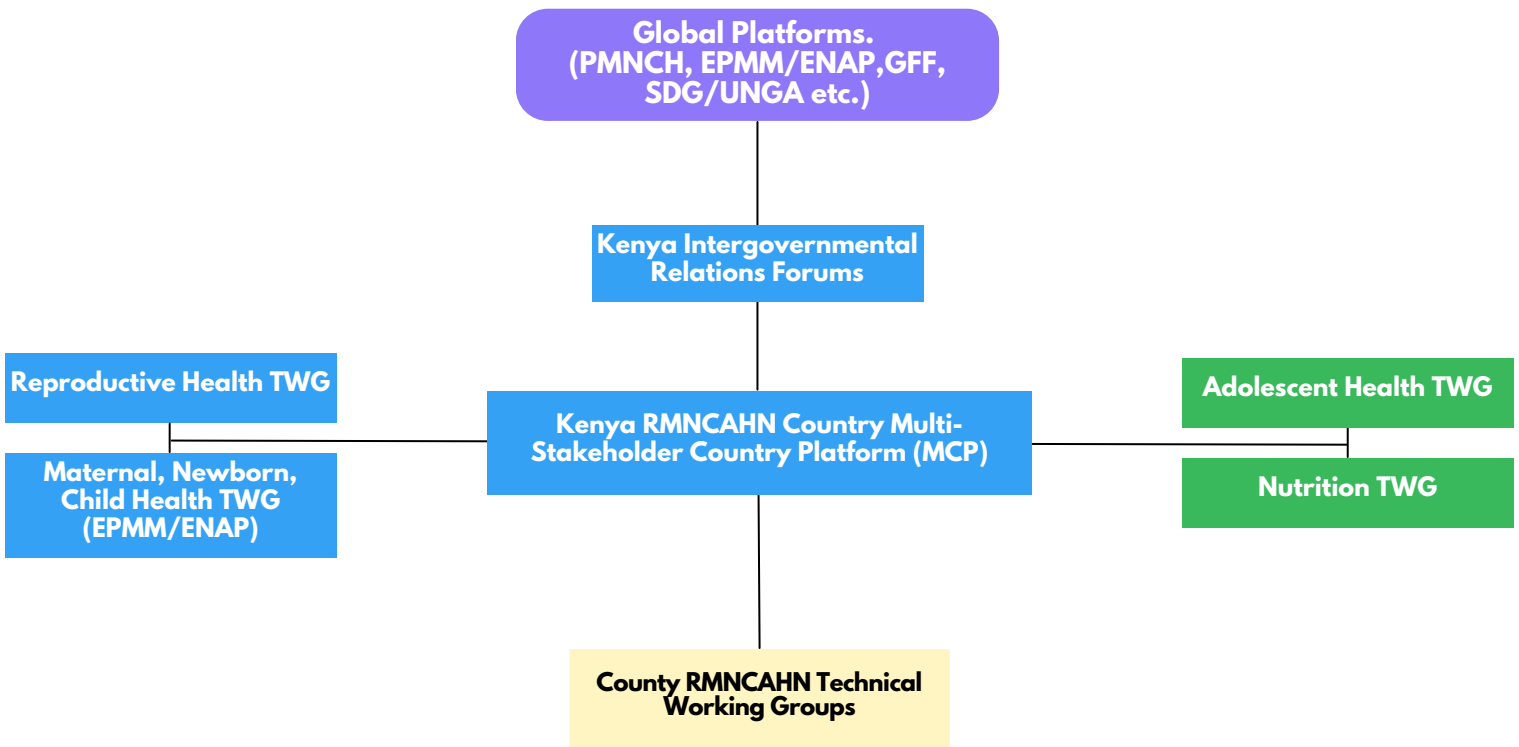
Recommendations and Areas of Improvement:

1) Existence of the MCP is been majorly associated with the Investment Framework, the GFF and World Bank financing for RMNCAHN. However, the platform should operate beyond the set scope of the financier as per its mandate to provide Advisory, oversight, coordination, guidance, advocacy and accountability for the Kenya's ongoing and proposed efforts to improve RMNCAHN -N services and health outcomes.

2) Generation of an annual status report and hosting an annual national dialogue to build a common understanding and generate innovative solutions to overarching challenges to achieving national outcomes. The status report could include the following components:

1. Financing of RMNCAHN +N both domestically and from external funding but disaggregated by each source.
2. Disaggregation of each component and not lumped together as RMNCAHN +N and indicate how each component is finances and implemented in Kenya.
3. Commitments made in RMNCAHN +N globally, nationally and how Kenya aligns, disseminates, finances and implements the commitments up to the county level.
4. Updates on RMNCAHN +N Policy and commitments Implementation.
5. Mapping of RMNCAHN +N financing by counties, by partners to indicate which has concentrated partners and how to support those that have less financiers.
6. County RMNCAHN +N Performances, case studies, impact stories, cutting edge lifesaving interventions.

Proposed Kenya RMNCAHN Coordination Mechanism



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